

**Town Planning/Building Committee for Salem School Renovation  
December 30, 2008  
Salem School Media Center  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 30, 2008 REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Dinis Pimentel, Jenifer Lee, Bill Weinschenker, Richard Asafaylo, Stuart Gadbois, Donald Bourdeau, Jim Choquette, Monica McIntyre

**ABSENT:** Michael Siebert, Donna Leake, Horace Lindo, Chris LaRose, Kevin Lyden

**GUESTS:** Charles Boos, KBA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by D. Pimentel, Chairman. Committee reviewed and approved as corrected December 16, 2008 minutes M/S/C (S. Gadbois, B. Weinschenker). Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-2 (R. Asafaylo, M. McIntyre).

The 2009 schedule of meetings was brought to the attention of the committee.

C. Boos passed out four packets with new and existing corridor and nurse areas, existing administration area, and updated plans for the school from the last meeting.

C. Boos, D. Leake, and D. Pimentel met on December 22 and decided not to use portables because the administration is able to provide swing space by making several programs in to temporary cart-classrooms. This solution has a lesser program impact than the temporary elimination of the gym.

C. Boos discussed the vestibule for the gym was moved further south because the septic was underneath the planned area in the northeast corner. A stage was added onto the east side of the multipurpose room.

C. Boos recommended a trip to see the new middle school construction in Griswold. D. Pimentel mentioned early February and inviting anyone from the committee and school administration.

D. Bourdeau said the multipurpose room is smaller than the gym and having a stage needs to be investigated further. D. Pimentel asked how big is the multipurpose room and how many square feet per person, and C. Boos answered close to 5,000 square feet. D. Bourdeau said with no tables or chairs it 7 square feet per person, 3 square feet with bleachers, 15 square feet with tables.

R. Asafaylo was concerned with going to the state with a waiver because of too much square footage per student, then the new plans call for adding a stage. A proper stage is good for community use, school productions and school events. D. Bourdeau said the present stage is small and seldom used and wondered how much bigger the new stage would be and how much more it may be used. J. Lee said it couldn't be used from 10 A.M.-2 P.M. because of lunch. D. Bourdeau said it would be used more after school than

during, and J. Lee said to ask the administration how much they think it would be used. C. Boos said the stage would be a couple hundred square feet larger than the existing one and would have the proper code and safety configurations that the current stage is lacking.

D. Pimentel will set up a meeting to speak with Bob Ross and then Representatives Ed Jutila or Andrea Stillman about a bill for the legislative session.

D. Bourdeau asked if it's possible for the entire building to be air conditioned, and C. Boos answered yes. The ventilation system could be designed to connect to a chilling component but it would have to be done soon. The wiring needs to already be there. As for air conditioning the gym, D. Bourdeau said it gets very hot in there when it's crowded and there's only so much the controls can do. C. Boos said air conditioning the gym would help stabilize the floor. D. Pimentel said we ought to consider only providing AC or not providing AC; making provisions to air condition in the future usually results in not having those preparations utilized. C. Boos said everything but the 1994 building (already air conditioned) would be done. He will provide the operating costs and an estimate from Larry Jones, BVH.

J. Lee asked why there is not more natural interior light for the classrooms such as skylights, and C. Boos answered that Smart Boards and projectors are used more frequently and there needs to be light control.

C. Boos asked if the Town has a bond attorney or financial advisor, and B. Weinschenker said they've never had one as far as he knows. He will talk to the Treasurer and First Selectman. B. Weinschenker asked the function of one, and C. Boos answered to give a realistic cost scenario over the period of the bond.

- C. Boos recommended finding people for a telephone committee and getting in touch with recent graduates (of voting age).
- The general feeling over the rendering of the exterior of the school was good.
- There needs to be an idea of the mil rate before going to the referendum

Next meeting will be January 13, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Salem School.

M/S/C (D. Pimentel, S. Gadbois) to adjourn. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsay K. Chester

Recording Secretary